

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ A glass strand, ~~characterized in that its~~ having a composition ~~comprises~~ comprising the following constituents in the limits defined below, expressed as percentages by weight:

SiO ₂	58 to 63
Al ₂ O ₃	10 to 16
CaO	16 to less than 23
MgO	0.5 to less than 3.5
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O + Li ₂ O	0 to 2
TiO ₂	greater than 1 but less than 1.5
B ₂ O ₃	0 to 1.5
Li ₂ O	0 to 0.4
ZnO	0 to 0.4
MnO	0 to 1 <u>and</u>
F	0 to 0.5.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ The glass strand according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the SiO₂ content is strictly greater than 60%.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ The glass strand according to Claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the TiO₂ content is greater than or equal to 1.1% and less than or equal to 1.4%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ The glass strand according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the MgO content is between 2.2 and 2.8%.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ The glass strand according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the boric anhydride (B₂O₃) content does not exceed 0.5%.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ The glass strand according to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that its composition furthermore contains~~ Claim 1, further comprising between 10 and 100 ppm of cobalt oxide (CoO).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Composite, consisting of~~ A composite comprising glass strands and organic and/or inorganic material(s), ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ wherein the glass strands are as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Fitting~~ A fitting for an exhaust system, ~~characterized in that it comprises fibres~~ comprising glass strands as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Glass~~ A glass composition suitable for producing glass reinforcement strands, which comprises the following constituents in the limits defined below, expressed as percentages by weight:

SiO ₂	58 to 63
------------------	----------

Al ₂ O ₃	10 to 16
--------------------------------	----------

CaO	16 to less than 23
MgO	0.5 to less than 3.5
Na ₂ O + K ₂ O + Li ₂ O	0 to 2
TiO ₂	greater than 1 but less than 1.5
B ₂ O ₃	0 to 1.5
Li ₂ O	0 to 0.4
ZnO	0 to 0.4
MnO	0 to 1 <u>and</u>
F	0 to 0.5.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Process~~ A process for manufacturing glass strands, comprising the steps of attenuation into the form of one or more webs of continuous filaments from a multiplicity of molten glass streams emanating from a multiplicity of orifices placed at the base of one or more bushings, and of assembling the ~~said~~ filaments into one or more strands that are collected on a moving support, the molten glass feeding the bushings having a composition according to Claim 9.